Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
I’m sharing only small items of news this fortnight. My first important message to parents and carers is to remember that this Thursday 12th July and Friday 13th July are student free days to allow all teachers from both campuses to attend the AASE & TPA conference to be held in Hobart. The opportunity for teachers to attend the AASE (Australian Association of Special Education) workshops in Tasmania occurs only periodically as every state takes a turn to host the conference on an annual basis. The School of Special Education NW is very privileged to be presenting a workshop highlighting PODD and 4 Blocks Literacy implementation and development across both campuses. Another workshop which will feature the School of Special Education NW, is one prepared and presented by Smithton Primary School who are showcasing their students’ involvement in a variety of SOSE programs. These students attend SOSE on Tuesdays. Feedback on the conference will be further shared with you in the next newsletter.

Special Thoughts for two families
Last week was very sad for Jayde Lynch and her family who lost a close member of their family in an unexpected accident. Our thoughts are especially with Liz Collins (Jayde’s grandmother and her daughter Trish) as the family comes to terms with their loss. It was also tragic to read of Zofia Piskor’s death last week. Stefan Piskor completed his schooling at the Burnie campus at the end of 2011 and we realize that the impact of his mother’s passing with be devastating for Stefan and his father Joe. Thank you to the staff members past and present who accompanied me to Zofia’s funeral on Friday. Your presence was a comfort to the immediate family.

Welcome
Devonport Campus is pleased to welcome Jack Cox-Patchin who is undertaking work experience with Jacqui Astley on Mondays and Wednesdays. Jack is well known for his performing skills – tap dancing, characterization, singing and creativity. He certainly is displaying his talents and having great fun with the students during music lessons.
4 Blocks Literacy Training
Jo Corvinus has returned to her class this week after attending a 5 day course in Brisbane, QLD. This opportunity to engage with and learn from presenters from the US will enable Jo to become a competent trainer of 4 Blocks Literacy who will further work closely with staff members in their implementation of the program.

Special Olympics
Students and staff members from both campuses will attend this term’s Special Olympics activity day at the Ulverstone Recreation Centre on Wednesday, 11th July. The focus for this day is on ball skills development. We look forward to sharing the photos displaying our students’ participation beside other students from regular schools.

Best wishes,
Grace

Grocery Bags
Once again we are in need of plastic grocery bags. If you have any spare plastic bags at home can you please send them along to school?

REMINDERS
Absent Students
If your child is going to be away from school for ANY reason you must phone the school (64245554) to let us know as well as either Phoenix Coaches (64249112) or the Bus Aide on your child’s bus.
It is not the responsibility of the Bus Aides to pass the message along to the office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
The 2012 program has now been extended until the middle of August. So keep sending along your stickers. The kids are doing a great job of sticking them on the cards.

Coles Sports for Schools
The 2012 program has now started. From 13th June to 14th August you will be able to collect vouchers from Coles stores. Send them along to school and help us to earn some sporting equipment and games for our students. They are having a great time using the items we earned from last year’s program.

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